



The Boulevard Academy Uniform Policy

The Governors, Staff and Students of The Boulevard Academy believe that a school uniform for students in Years 7 -11 are desirable and appropriate and help promote a **good working environment**.

Separate requirements for PE and practical subjects also make up the School's Uniform Policy. The uniform items fulfill the criteria of clothing that is suitable, comfortable, affordable, practical and purposeful for an effective learning and teaching setting in a safe and healthy environment.

Governors accept their responsibilities under Sex Discrimination Act 1975, Human Rights Act 1998, and Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and appreciate that the school uniform should not discriminate on grounds of race, religion, sex and culture.

Aims

Through our uniform and dress code we aim to:

Encourage pride in the school

Support teaching and learning

Enable students to be comfortable, safe and secure

Encourage a sense of equality and belonging to the school community

Protect students from social pressures to dress in a particular way

Support parents to provide an efficient and value for money dress code for their children

Ensure that students from different social, religious and ethnic groups feel welcome.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SCHOOL AND TO LEAVE THE PREMISES IN UNIFORM.

Uniform for Years 7-11

BLAZER: Black blazer embroidered with The Boulevard Academy logo. This can be obtained from our uniform provider. The blazer must be worn in the Academy at all times unless given permission to remove by the Class Teacher.

TIE: Black/White striped tie must be worn at all times. This can be obtained from our uniform provider.

TROUSERS: Plain, black **classic style** trousers.

These should be **straight** legged and not a tight, 'bootleg', 'leggings', 'drainpipe' or 'jeans' style nor should they be 'low-rise'. There should be no large belts or buckles. Trousers should not be made out of a denim fabric or leather.

SKIRT: Black **classic style** skirt that is either straight or pleated. Skirts should not be tight, slit, or made of stretch fabric. **The hem of the skirt should be no more than 5cm above the knee.**

SHIRT / BLOUSE: Plain white, long or short sleeved shirt / blouse with collar.

The shirt / blouse should be tucked into the waistband when worn under a pullover so that it is not visible below it.

SHOES: Black polishable shoes must of **sensible** design with **low heels**. Boots **must not** be worn.

No trainers, flat pumps, stilettos or platform shoes. Shoes should protect and support feet to comply with the school's Health & Safety Regulations.

COAT/ FLEECE: A suitable plain, dark coloured coat, sweatshirt or fleece may be worn as outerwear **to and from** school. There should be **no logos** on this clothing. 'Hoodies' must not be worn.

SOCKS AND TIGHTS: Socks – **plain** black, grey or white. Tights – **plain** black, grey or flesh coloured

HATS and Head Covering: No hats to be worn in school. The wearing of a head scarf or hijab, for religious reasons, is permitted. Garments covering the face or whole body, for example the abaya and niqab are not permitted.

PE KIT: Our PE Kit consists of a **white polo shirt**, you can obtain a polo shirt with our logo printed from our uniform provider but these are not compulsory. Black shorts with **no logos** or bright markings.

- Training shoes with a non-marking sole and a pair of black sandshoes.
- Football boots and shin-pads
- Sweatshirt and/or tracksuit. These should be plain black and without a large motif/logo, emblem or stripes.

SCHOOL BAG: Students should attend the Academy with an appropriate sized bag. The bag should be large enough to carry A4 folders and all necessary books for the day. This will enable students to move easily to their lessons and arrive to lessons equipped and on time with minimal disruption to their learning.

JEWELLERY: **One** small discreet stud may be worn in each ear. **No facial piercing.** A wristwatch may be worn but **no bracelets**. A **single chain** with an item of jewellery representing the religious symbol of a student's faith (such as a cross) is permitted but must be discreet. **Jewellery must be removed for PE.**

MOBILE PHONES: Students may bring mobile telephones to the Academy but this is at the parents own risk. Academy insurance does not cover loss, damage or theft of personal digital devices.

Student mobile telephones may **only** be used at break and lunchtimes **outside** of the building. Mobile telephones **must not** be used inside the Academy. Students will not be given permission to use the mobile at any other time.

Mobile telephones will be confiscated if students are seen to be using them other than as stated above. Any confiscated mobile telephone will only be returned by Mr Grace to the parent, **confiscated mobile telephones will not be returned to the student.**

HAIR/HAIR ORNAMENTS: No extremes of hair colour or style are allowed. Plain hairbands may be worn but only of a matching colour to uniform.

MAKE-UP & NAILS: Make-up **must not** be worn. Nail varnish if worn should be clear.

'Non uniform' Events

If students are not expected to wear uniform because of a charity event or because they are on a trip their clothing should be appropriate for the working environment/activities that they are taking part in.

In line with the dress code the following points should be noted:

Examples of unacceptable clothing items are: - cropped tops, low cut vest tops, strapless tops, knee length shorts, very short skirts or shorts and ripped jeans.

There should not be flesh on show between the top itself and the top of the skirt or trouser.

No flip flop shoes

Tee shirts should not display extreme / offensive views or comments.

Enforcement of the Policy

It is the responsibility of the Principal and all staff to monitor and enforce the uniform as part of the day to day running of the school. Parents have the responsibility to ensure that their child comes to school in the correct uniform. Students will be sent home to change if this is not the case

In the first instance, the Form Tutor should deal with any minor breach of the uniform policy. A contact home will be made in every instance and parents will be expected to support the Academy in line with the Home School Agreement.

If correct uniform is not worn repeatedly parents/ carers will meet with the Principal in order to gain support in line with the Home School Agreement

In the case of jewellery and other accessories which infringe the policy, a member of staff will ask the student to remove the item(s) and any such items will be taken to the General Office and may be collected at the end of the school day.

The Principal is the final arbiter in all matters of uniform and dress.

Issues arising from the policy

Parents should raise any issues relating to school uniform, dress code or other aspects of appearance with the Headteacher. Requests to vary the uniform requirements for particular reasons such as medical needs, will always be considered carefully.

Review of Policy

The Uniform policy will be reviewed annually.

Date of last review – June 2017